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- On 21 January 1952, troops with red-bordered black epaulets were stationed at the Techentin airfield near Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53). JS-1 tank ☐ were seen leaving the billeting area on the road/Doenitz. One SU-76 SP gun and 3 canvas-covered tanks were in front of the tank repair shop on the road to Berlin. ☐

- On 21 January, the Neue Reiter Kaserne on Marstallstrasse was occupied below capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Uniformed women wearing the same type of epaulets were noticed in the billeting area. ☐

- On 11 January, the Alte Reiter Kaserne on Marstallstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. ☐ Twenty-eight canvas-covered pontoons, 3 or 4 of which could be loaded on one truck and four 122-mm artillery pieces were seen in the billeting area. ☐ In addition, about 70 troops were seen practicing with eight 120-mm mortars. Another 40 troops practiced with artillery pieces. ☐

- On 2 January, the Neue Reiter Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered red epaulets. Two 150-mm artillery pieces and 6 x 120-mm mortars were parked in the barracks yard. About 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling. Vehicles identified driving from, and to, the billeting area ☐

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5. On 9 January, about 600 troops with red-bordered black epaulets were stationed at Techentin airfield. Soldiers were seen servicing eight T-34/85 tanks in front of the garages. [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information in paragraph 1 indicates the possibility that the 119th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div may be stationed at Techentin airfield, whereas Paragraph 5 supports the assumption stated in a previous report. [REDACTED] It is possible that the Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div and the tank training battalion of the 59th Mecz Regt are both stationed at Techentin airfield.

** [REDACTED] Comment. The Alte and the Neue Reiter Kaserne are still believed to quarter the 1054th How Arty Regt and the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div. [REDACTED] The present report contains no indications regarding the location of the 59th Mecz Regt there, but there is no reason to doubt that the regiment is quartered in the installations concerned. It is possible that the tank components of the regiment may be stationed at Techentin airfield. [REDACTED] according to the present report, the division's unidentified mortar regiment is presumably located in the Alte and the Neue Reiter Kaserne.

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